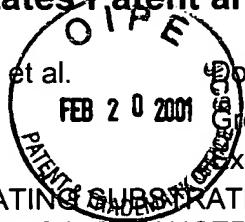


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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. section 119(E) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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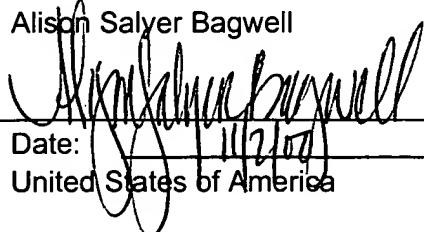
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